



## Minneapolis/Saint Paul Senior Boys RBI Baseball League Rules

2011 High School Baseball rules published by the National Federation of State High School Association will apply with the following clarification/modifications:

1. **Time Limit:** One hour and fifty minutes. No new inning will start after 1 hour and 50 minutes from the time the umpire says, "play ball" to start the game.
2. **Games:** are 7 innings. Legal game is 5 innings.
3. 10 Run Rule after 4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead, or after 5 innings if the visiting team is ahead (losing team must bat 5 times).
4. **Batting Order - Participation/Substitution:** teams may use free substitution on defense and bat all players **OR** use H.S. substitution rule. You **MUST** declare **BEFORE** game starts. Make sure you refer to minimum playing requirements.
5. **Teams may start and finish with eight players** (ninth spot is an out). If a team drops to less than eight players the game is a forfeit. If a team is batting all players and someone leaves or is injured, their respective spot is an out.
6. **Home team** will occupy the third base bench. The home team is the second team listed on the schedule.
7. **Official Game Ball:** Home team will supply 2 new game balls and visiting team 1 new ball (Diamond DOL-A), if additional game balls needed alternate providing ball beginning with visiting team.
8. **Bat Guidelines:** The barrel must be 2 5/8 inches or less at the thickest part. The **maximum** weight differential is **-3**. Example; A 32 inch bat cannot weigh less than 29 oz.
9. The team bench may only be occupied by the players and certified coaches.
10. **Starting and relief pitchers:** 8 warm up pitches prior to the start of the game or facing his/her first batter; 5 pitches between any subsequent inning not lasting more than one minute.
11. **Pitcher may not pitch** more than a total of 14 innings in 3 calendar days

### Speed Up Rules:

- ♦ **Courtesy Runner:** for the pitcher or catcher is optional with none out or one out, *mandatory with two outs*. A courtesy runner must be the player who was last put out.

### Participation rule:

**Each player will be required to play in a minimum of two innings in the field and have a minimum of one turn at bat.**